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PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR DECADE FOR WOMEN

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1. FOLLOWING FOOTNOTE ON APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF PREP-COM FOR WORLD CONFERENCE ON THE DECADE FOR WOMEN (PARA 5, REFTTEL) IS REPORTED FOR DEPT'S BACKGROUND INFORMATION.
2. IT WAS ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATED THAT WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS WOULD HAVE SIX SEATS ON PREPCOM AND THERE WERE TEN CANDIDATES FOR THESE SEATS. AS TIME APPROACHED FOR APPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT AFRICANS WANTED AN ADDITIONAL SEAT AT EXPENSE OF WEOS. WEO GROUP DECIDED TO RESIST THIS, IF POSSIBLE, BY SUBMITTING AGREED SLATE OF SIX TO ECOSOC PRESIDENT MILLS, WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR APPOINTMENTS.
3. BY 5/5 ONLY NEW ZEALAND HAD WITHDRAWN IN FAVOR OF AUSTRALIA. IN COURSE OF WEO CONSULTATIONS THAT DAY

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FRANCE AND BELGIUM WITHDREW IN FAVOR OF NETHERLANDS. WEO CHAIRMAN PRESENTED SLATE TO MILLS CONSISTING OF AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, NETHERLANDS, DENMARK OR NORWAY, UK AND US. HE REPORTED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN SIX WEO SEATS. BY PRIOR AGREEMENT AUSTRIA THEN WITHDREW. NORWAY AND DENMARK DREW LOTS, AND NORWAY WAS APPOINTED ALONG WITH FOUR OTHER REMAINING WEO CANDIDATES.

4. IN RELINQUISHING ITS CANDIDATURE, FRANCE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT WEOS WOULD TAKE THIS GESTURE INTO ACCOUNT WHEN FRANCE PRESENTS ITS CANDIDACY FOR ELECTION TO THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN NEXT YEAR. AUSTRIA AND BELGIUM IN WITHDRAWING BOTH EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SERVING AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE ITSELF AND REFERRED TO A SUGGESTION OR UNDERSTANDING THAT PREFERENCE FOR BUREAU POSTS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO NON-PREPCOM MEMBERS. MCHENRY

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